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Tom Wyrostek had a happy debut Friday as the Warrior football team scored on two of its first three possessions for a 21-7 win over Cahokia at Memorial Stadium in the season opener. Junior Mike Vaughn ran for 84 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown run in the first quarter as Granite City scored its most points in one game since 1986.

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The Madison Trojans didn't have as much luck as the Warriors. Waterloo's big offensive line proved to be too much for the smaller and less-experienced Trojans in a 34-12 Bulldog win in Waterloo.

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Jay Gensert celebrated his eighth birthday last Saturday evening with a party at the family home on Blue Spruce Court.

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25 years ago

Thursday, September 2, 1965
A \$550,000 construction project at St. Margaret Mary was well under way. The project included a convent for 10 nuns, an addition of 10 classrooms to the six-room school and a new church building designed to seat 500.

Hot tip

Firefighters benefit
A benefit dance to help support the Muscular Dystrophy Fund will be sponsored by Granite City Firefighters Local 253 on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

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Censused

Early figures show sharp declines in Granite, Madison

By Jason Moody
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — Some population increases but many decreases were revealed last week by the 1990 Census, prompting concern that the 10-year federal tally might have been inaccurate and incomplete.

Granite City remained the most populous city in Madison County, but only barely.

The Granite City total shrank from 36,815 to 32,701 while the Alton population decreased from 35,918 to 32,369.

Pontoon Beach rose from 3,336 to 3,945. Venice lost slightly, from 3,480 to 3,459. Madison's total declined from 5,301 to 4,542.

Granite City Economic Development Director Alan Ortbals said Friday he had gotten the preliminary map in the afternoon mail. He said he hadn't had time to study it enough to "discuss it intelligently," but said the drop seemed greater than he expected.

Ortbals pointed out the census showed more than 900 unoccupied residences in the city, a number he said seemed "way too high."

Ortbals said his next step is to plot the census blocks reported on a map of the city and compare the census figures with other city records.

Madison Mayor John Belcotti said he had not yet received his copy of the preliminary census map.

Local and state officials have 15 working days from Aug. 29 to contest the newly released figures so President George Bush can receive the official count by Dec. 31 of this year. If officials can prove individuals were not counted, the Census Bureau must canvass the area again.

In other areas around Illinois, Monroe County residents increased from 20,117 in 1980 to 22,365, but Madison County's population dipped from 247,864 to 246,762 and the St. Clair County total fell from 267,531 to 261,094.

Illinois slipped from 11,427,429 a decade ago to 11,325,247 this year.

The figures are contained in a preliminary review of the long-awaited 1990 census findings.

The U.S. Census Bureau is under attack regarding its alleged lack of thoroughness in including all people in the count. The tally is far below the agency's own population projections for the region and the state.

In Illinois the population fell by 102,182, or .89 percent, in the past decade, a rate of decline that is likely to cost the state two of its 22 congressional seats in 1992.

Earlier this year, the bureau used migration and mortality rates to peg Illinois' population at 11,682,000, which would have been a 2.2 percent increase from 1980.

The preliminary total for Madison County is 5,338 people less than the bureau's most recent estimate two years ago. The agency's 1988 population estimates also excised the new figures by 239 people in Jersey County, 1,824 people in Macoupin County and 8,616 in St. Clair County.

So far, the 1990 trend is a reversal of the bureau's experience in 1980, when the tally turned up 5.1 million more people than the agency had projected.

Census Bureau numbers decide a state's congressional representation and federal aid allocations.

The Illinois General Assembly is responsible for redrawing the congressional districts, with the lines based on demographic changes within the state. Each seat represents about 575,000 people.

Critics have claimed the census agency has not worked hard enough to account for everybody, especially in areas where there is traditionally an undercount, such as poor or ethnic neighborhoods.

However, analysts say the 1990 count was particularly low in rural areas. Population counts in states like Alabama and Louisiana dropped far below the bureau's expectations.

"Historically, it's the urban areas that complain about an undercount, so if these numbers are correct it goes against the trend," said Doug Richardson of the Illinois governor's office in Washington.

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(Staff photo by Pam Doopke-Hurd)

FIREFIGHTER Ed Hagnauer examines the helmet credited with saving the life of a motorcyclist at a wreck Friday on Illinois 3 at the entrance of the Northgate Industrial Park. Lt. Ray Romine, shift commander, looks over the damage.

Granite firemen earn pay in busy 30-minute period

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — For a half hour on Friday morning, the Granite City Fire Department had every fire truck, ambulance and firefighter out on the street.

It started with a call at 10:29 a.m. to rescue a man trapped under a truck following an accident at the Heidman Steel entrance on Illinois 3.

At 10:43 a.m., a call came in for a house fire in the 2400 block of Grand Avenue. Two minutes later, a call arrived about a house fire in the 2400 block of Sheridan Avenue. And three minutes after that, there was a call to a bedroom on fire in the 2400 block of Illinois Avenue.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Bob Bell, the Grand Avenue call was really a misdirected call to the Sheridan Avenue fire.

Bell said the department quickly handled both the Sheridan Avenue fire, which caused some smoke damage, and the Illinois Avenue fire, which turned out to be very minor.

The most serious of the incidents, according to Bell, was the accident where ambulances took two people to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"Fortunately, neither was all that seriously hurt," Bell said. "You wouldn't have believed that from what we saw when we got there. If the guy on the motorcycle hadn't been wearing a

helmet he wouldn't be alive."

Injured were Clara H. Rodriguez, 49, of Florissant, and motorcyclist Kenneth L. Kissel, 39, of the 1900 block of Grand Avenue.

Rodriguez was southbound on Illinois 3 when a tractor-trailer driven by Kerry Joe Cates, 24, of Owensville, Mo., turned in front of her into Northgate. Her car struck the truck rig.

Kissel, riding his motorcycle behind Rodriguez, struck her car. Traffic in both directions had a green light at the time of the accident, shortly after 10 a.m., according to all three drivers and two witnesses, police said.

Rodriguez and Kissel were both listed in stable condition at the hospital Friday evening.

Cates was issued a traffic citation for failure to yield the right of way, and Kissel was issued a citation for driving while his license was suspended.

Bell said that only a secretary was left in the fire station to handle the telephones and radios.

If another call, even a minor one, had come in, Bell said, "it would have to have called for help."

Still, Bell said, it wasn't the busiest he had ever seen the department.

"I remember one time during a lightning storm we had 36 calls in a two-hour period," he said. "But for a 30-minute period, this morning was pretty hectic."

Reese's moving into old First National Bank

By Andy Slering
Staff writer

MADISON — Reese's Drug Store is going back to being what it started as — a pharmacy — and moving to a new location.

Reese's will open for business Tuesday morning in the old First National Bank in Madison building, 401 Madison Ave., said General Manager Harry Dortch. Dortch runs the day-to-day operations of

the business for its owner, Jack Reese, who is now semi-retired in Colorado.

Dortch said the company was moving to its new, smaller quarters because it could no longer compete with large general-store retail chains. The store will now focus on prescription and over-the-counter drug sales.

"There's no point in carrying hardware and school supplies anymore," Dortch said. "We can't compete with the chains."



An early photo of the building at the corner of Fourth and Madison

The store's new quarters once housed the First National Bank of Madison and then the First National Bank in Madison, now located on Madison Avenue at Sixth Street.

The venerable old building still has its old wind-up pendulum clock that governed when the bank's vault would open. The clock — manufactured by the International Time Recording Co. of Endicott, N.Y. — still works, too, Dortch said it had been appraised at \$2,000, but he suspects it is worth considerably more.

It also has an old octagonal-tile floor. "They don't make floors like this anymore," Dortch said.

Customers will be served through the old teller's windows of the bank, with their bullet-proof, inch-thick glass. The building is owned by Curtis Walker of Granite City.

The old "of Madison" bank failed in 1934, and was succeeded by the new "in Madison" bank on July 27, 1934. The new bank moved to its present location in 1961.

The 401 Madison Ave. building housed a Kroger store for a while, and has been mostly unoccupied for about 10 years.

The Alpine Village space formerly occupied by Reese's will be rented to a national chain store, said Mayor John Belcotti. An announcement to that effect is expected to be made at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. The city owns Alpine Village at Third Street and Madison Avenue.

Reese's was founded here more than 75 years ago by Walter A. Reese. Jack Reese's father, Dortch said, Dortch has been with the Reese company for 48 years.

She's back! Jensen rejoins Haine's staff

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County State's Attorney William R. Haine on Wednesday officially announced the appointment of three new felony prosecutors, including Susan Jensen, a former prosecutor dismissed by Haine in a restructuring of the office last year.

Haine said Jensen, who has been working part-time as a county public defender, was to rejoin the staff Sept. 1.

"To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the Illinois Attorney General's Office has been contacted about prosecuting a small number of cases in which Jensen had formerly represented clients as a public defender," Haine said.

The reorganization in April 1989 included the hiring of former Republican state's attorney Don Weber, who then left the office in July 1990 after refusing to apologize for alleged racist remarks.

He denied they were racist.

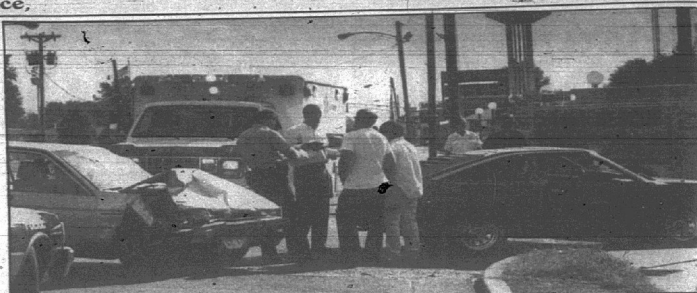
Commenting on Jensen's return, Haine said, "Susan and I had an extensive conversation about her role within this office. I communicated to her that her expertise would be a valuable addition to the staff."

"I look on Susan's return as a building block for the future."

"I am looking for a combination of established local prosecutors and new prosecutors," Haine said.

Also joining the felony staff are Ron Elowitz, a St. Clair County assistant public defender, and Sheila Drucker, a former Jefferson County, Mo., assistant prosecuting attorney.

The new assistants will receive yearly salaries ranging from \$30,000 to \$40,000, Haine said.



(Staff photo by Pam Doope-Hurd)

A HEAD-ON CRASH on Madison Avenue in front of the main Granite City post office sent three people to St. Elizabeth Medical Center Thursday afternoon. Injured were the driver of one of the cars involved, Kathy A. Dohnal, 52, of Madison, and two passengers, Geraldine Mendez, 52, of Granite City, and Carol Robertson, 52, of Madison. The three were injured when a car being driven northbound on Madison Avenue by a St. Louis man swerved to avoid hitting a car that he said stopped suddenly in front of him. The man gave his name as Alonzo F. Bronner, 29, but police had reservations Friday whether that was his real name. Dohnal was treated and released from the hospital. Friends said Mendez suffered head injuries and was in intensive care. Robertson suffered fractured ribs. Both Mendez and Robertson were listed in stable condition Friday evening. Bronner had not been charged with anything as of Friday afternoon.

Man robbed of currency

Mario C. Diaz, an employee of The Bar and the Madison Currency Exchange, 151 Edwardsville Road, told police and his employer, Richard Aulabaugh, that he was robbed Aug. 18 after cashing two checks for Aulabaugh at a local bank.

Diaz said he cashed the checks, for an unspecified amount, also got \$500 in quarters, and then left the bank. While Diaz was stopped at the intersection of 12th Street and Washington Avenue, he said, two men ran up to the truck and one of them pointed a gun at him and demanded money.

Diaz said one of the men hit

Madison

him in the face with the gun and pushed his head against the steering wheel, ordering him not to move. The robber then grabbed the sack with the currency, reported as more than \$300, but left the sack of quarters. Police are still investigating the robbery.

Injured on McCambridge

Mary A. Bruemmer, 70, of the 1500 block of Fourth Street was

injured in a three-car accident Aug. 26.

Police said Bruemmer was turning west onto Fourth Street from McCambridge Avenue when her car was struck by a southbound car driven by Timothy A. Elmore of the 2500 block of Iowa Street in Granite City. Bruemmer's auto then collided with a car stopped westbound on Fourth Street. The third car's driver was Joseph Dant of the 1700 block of Third Street.

Bruemmer was admitted to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later was discharged.

'Suicide lane' safety tips given

Two-way left-turn lanes enable busy Illinois motorists to make left turns from either direction.

Authorities advise: Use two-way left-turn lanes properly by obeying the following provisions of Illinois law.

"When a two-way left-turn is provided, turn left from that lane only. Do not turn left across it from another lane."

"Enter the lane just before reaching the place where you want to turn. It is important to keep the lane open to prevent an accident with a vehicle turning left from the opposite direction."

"When turning left onto a street with a two-way left-turn lane, you may turn into that lane and then enter the adjacent through lane."

"You may use the two-way left-turn lane for a U-turn if U-turns are permitted."

Man with radar detector in pants arrested, charged

Michael S. Moss, 21, of Granite City, was arrested and charged with burglary Aug. 29 after a witness reported somebody was trying to get into three cars at about 2 a.m. in the 2500 block of Delmar Avenue.

Moss was found in the 2500 block of an alley between State Street and Grand Avenue with a radar detector allegedly taken from one of the cars stuffed in his pants.

Police said Moss admitted taking the device earlier from one of the cars, as well as taking a bicycle found nearby.

Man booked on warrant
Rodney D. Liss, 31, of the 2100 block of Bryan Avenue was arrested Aug. 29 on a warrant for failure to appear in court to face a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Burglar gets lawn mower
Julie N. Schmidt of the 2400 block of State Street reported

Granite City

Aug. 29 that somebody kicked in a door of the garage at her home and took a red Toro lawn mower valued at \$200.

Stereo taken from auto
Daniel R. Cox of Collinsville reported that he had left his car at Complete Auto Service, 1420 State St., to be serviced, but somebody took the stereo from the car during the night of Aug. 23-24. Taken was a Kenwood AM/FM stereo. The dashboard was extensively damaged in removing the stereo.

Arrested in theft case
Karl Brooks, 21, of the 2900 block of Brady Avenue was arrested Aug. 27 on a Granite City warrant for failure to appear in court to face a charge of theft. He was jailed pending \$202 cash bail.

Boat propeller stolen

Mark R. Papp of the 2400 block of Kilnsey Drive told police somebody stole a 400 propeller from a boat parked in his driveway between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Also taken was a 400 spot-light.

Coins taken in burglary

Alicia Dunn of the 2200 block of Lee Avenue reported that somebody broke a bedroom window at her residence and took a jar containing about \$50 in change from the living room between Aug. 20 and Aug. 24.

Struck, robbed at motel

James A. Hyde, 24, of the 4900 block of Hills Avenue told police he was staying in a room at the Illini Motel on Aug. 21 when he was attacked by unknown assailants and robbed of \$300. The incident happened at about 11:28 p.m.

Hyde appeared, after the attack, to be having convulsions,

according to police, and he was bleeding heavily from a wound over his left eye. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was treated.

TV, VCR in home taken

Phyllis Catterson of the 1600 block of State Street reported that somebody entered her residence Aug. 21 and took a television set and a video cassette recorder.

Shotgun taken from auto

Scott Calvin of the 2200 block of Delmar Avenue reported that somebody took a shotgun from the back seat of his car Aug. 22 while he left it unattended briefly at about 1:25 a.m. The weapon was a High Standard 12-gauge.

Yellow \$400 bike taken

A man's yellow 10-speed Huffy bicycle valued at \$400 was stolen from the rear yard at the home of Don Costello in the 2100 block

of Monroe Street, he reported Aug. 24.

Pedigreed dog stolen

Waymon Hatch of the 1300 block of Rhodes Street reported that somebody stole a pedigreed Chihuahua dog from his residence during the night of Aug. 19-20. There was no sign of forced entry.

Jeep stolen, recovered

Mary Lou Richardson of Edwardsville reported her 1989 Jeep Cherokee was stolen during the evening of Aug. 20-21 from the second level of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center parking garage.

The vehicle was recovered at 12:30 a.m. in front of the Lee Wright Homes housing project in

Venice. A window and its ignition had been broken, and some credit cards taken from the glove box.

Bicyclist struck by car

Faith Dunnivant, 17, of the 2100 block of Missouri Avenue was injured by an unidentified automobile Aug. 21. The driver left the scene, which was Madison Avenue was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she declined treatment.

VCR taken in burglary

Michael Schaus of the 2500 block of State Street told police somebody entered his residence during the night of Aug. 13-14 and took a video cassette recorder and a remote control unit.

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What's New Coming In Your Journal

Songwriters smell sweet success

Chris King is good with words. Rick Skubish is good with rhythm. Together they make beautiful music. The two former Granite City residents recently used their songwriting skills to win first place in the country division of Blueberry Hill's fourth annual songwriting contest. See Wednesday's Journal.

Big soccer matchup on way

No. 6 ranked Granite City versus No. 4 ranked Vianney High School should make for a great soccer matchup. Read the details of their Saturday game in this Wednesday's Journal.

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Raise for Guard in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. James H. Thompson has signed legislation increasing the minimum amount of pay for Illinois National Guard personnel on active duty in the state.

The pay will rise from \$40 to \$75 per day.

"Men and women of the Illinois National Guard move quiverly during times of emergency to protect the citizens of Illinois, often being called away from their families and their full-time jobs with no notice," Thompson said.

"They work long hours under difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances."

"Many of these individuals are not compensated by their full-time employers for the difference in their wages and active-duty pay. When they are on active-duty for an extended period of time, it can create a real financial hardship for those raising families," the governor said.

"This legislation will bring the minimum daily payment for Guard personnel on active duty more closely in line with the current cost of living. This is the least the state can do to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication."

The law will become effective Jan. 1, 1991.

Workshop on worldwide adoptions

International Families, a non-profit parent support group, is sponsoring a workshop titled "You Wanted to Know About International Adoption But Were Afraid to Ask," from 2 to 5 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Brentwood Recreation Complex, 2585 S. Brentwood Blvd.

The cost is \$25 if registered before Sept. 4.

After Sept. 4, the cost will be \$30. Interested couples and singles may call Peg LeRoy at (314) 225-5931 or Linda Helm (314) 391-5912.

The workshop consists of issues to consider in international adoptions, where to look for help, how to begin the process, current countries laws and resources, travel considerations and the paperwork maze.

The International Families group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Charles Christian Church, 1815 Boonlick Road in St. Charles.

The meetings are open to the public.

For directions or information, Tina Mueller can be called at (314) 838-6461.



LAST TO GO: This was the view Wednesday near Grand and Niedringhaus avenues of the last structure to be demolished for the new QuikTrip and Jack-in-the-Box development. The cleanup is the next stage and should be completed by early September.

County housing authority seeks to step up its fight against drugs

By Leticia Harrison
Staff writer

MADISON — A computerized tutorial center for preschoolers at Northgate Homes, Collinsville, is among ways the Madison County Housing Authority would fight drug abuse in its residential complexes if it receives a \$250,000 federal grant.

The funds would also be used for beefed-up security in the various housing projects, for screening of prospective tenants, and for project management — all with the goal of reducing drug problems.

Paul Schuler, executive director of the housing authority and former Granite City mayor, said drug- and alcohol-related problems were cited most by tenants in Alton, Madison and Venice in a needs-assessment survey in July.

The money is available

through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Public Housing Drug Elimination Program.

HUD has \$100 million in grants available to all its housing projects, Schuler said. The Madison County Housing Authority is eligible for up to \$250,000 based on its size.

The housing authority already has increased security at its Alton, Madison and Venice sites through a \$50,000 grant awarded by the Madison County Community Development program, he said.

"I think it's a rather unique approach, based on our needs," Schuler said. "We've had half a dozen or more evictions because of drug-related problems over the last year."

He said families are evicted if a member is convicted of using, selling or distributing a controlled substance.

During the applicant screening process, housing authority officials visit the homes of applicants to identify any negative housekeeping practices and also conduct credit checks.

They also conduct police checks on applicants who indicate they have prior arrest records.

If the grant is approved, the housing authority will be seeking bids for the computerized tutorial center for preschoolers at Northgate, Schuler said.

He said the housing authority is working with school superintendents in the county and also Madison County Employment and Training Services, Coordinated Youth Services in Granite City and Teen Reach in Alton to provide other educational programs for children and adults.

"That's really the guts of our application," Schuler said.

St. Clair reaches new bus agreement

BELLEVEILLE — The Board of Trustees of the St. Clair County Transit District has unanimously approved an innovative, two-year contract for services with the Bi-State Development Agency.

Delores Lysakowski, district chairman, said significant efforts were made during the past several months to negotiate a bus agreement with Bi-State to replace one that expired June 30.

"This new contract is a real departure from our past contracts with Bi-State," Lysakowski said.

"It gets at many problems and issues which have surfaced

over the years concerning the district's contractual relationship with Bi-State.

"It promises to stabilize costs, promote efficiency, and encourage better performance."

The new agreement is a negotiated contract in which costs — estimated to be \$13.7 million for this fiscal year — are to be based on services given, such as hours the buses operate, the miles of service given and the number of passenger trips.

Reimbursement rates are: \$40.67 per scheduled platform hour; \$1,066 per scheduled vehicle mile; and 14 cents per passenger trip.

The contract allows for semi-annual rate adjustments to cover costs increases due to inflation.

Lysakowski said the structure of the new contract is much different and better than past approaches. "We have combined the best and most workable elements of previous contracts," she said.

The new pact approved by the Transit District board will be considered by Bi-State commissioners at their September meeting.

Briefly

Fall-winter hours at library

GRANITE CITY — Librarian Robert Stack has announced new library hours effective Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The hours for the main library, 2001 Delmar Ave., will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

The hours for the branch library, 2145 Johnson Road, will be from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The branch library is closed each Sunday and Monday.

The new hours will remain in effect through May 25, 1991.

Next VP Fair will be later

The 1991 VP Fair will be held on Labor Day weekend under a new general chairman, St. Louis businessman and community volunteer Louis T. Maul IV. He will succeed Ronald E. Henges, general chairman of the fair in 1988, 1989 and 1990.

The appointment of Maul was announced by Mel J. Loewenstein, executive director of the VP Fair Foundation.

The 1991 fair will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and 2, on the grounds of the Gateway Arch and the St. Louis riverfront. The later dates are expected to provide cooler and drier weather than on the July 4 weekend, when the fair usually is held.

The date of the fair was changed because the National Park Service is working on the roof of the Museum of Westward Expansion, which is directly below the Arch.

"The VP Fair is an evolving, changing event," Loewenstein said. "We've always been adaptable, and we've always sought improvements." The specific events leading to this change in 1991 may afford us an opportunity to hold the fair at a different time, and we're looking forward to evaluating it."

Other factors that Loewenstein said should contribute to a successful VP Fair in 1991 are:

• Fireworks shows will continue to be presented on the riverfront each day of the fair.

• An increase is expected in the amount of tourism in St. Louis over the 1991 Labor Day weekend because of the fair.

• More families are likely to have completed vacations by Labor Day and therefore will be able to attend the fair.

The VP Fair is organized and produced by the VP Fair Foundation, a not-for-profit group founded in 1981 and governed by area business, religious, civic and academic leaders.

Kennelwood dog fair Sept. 16

The 1990 Kennelwood All-Breed Dog Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Kennelwood, Page Avenue and Lindbergh Boulevard. Sixteen cat breeders also will attend the free show, which will feature many information booths set up to answer a variety of questions about pets.

New to the fair this year are puppy agility (puppies will scale an A-frame and race through open and closed tunnels) and demonstrations by the canine police corps. Shuttle parking will be available; (314) 429-2100 can be called for information.

Clarification

The John Essington quoted in a recent Sunday story about rising gasoline prices in the Granite City area is not John Essington, the former chief of police of Venice. The story did not make reference to the hometown of the Essington who was quoted, thus causing the confusion.

Correction

More than 200 crafters will be on hand for the Old Alton Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 at Alton High School, 2200 College Ave., Alton. An Aug. 29 article incorrectly gave the dates as Sept. 1-2. For more information call 465-4723.

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Granite City Firefighters Local 253 will sponsor a benefit dance to aid the Muscular Dystrophy Fund on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The dance will be held from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and include chicken, beer, setups and dancing to the music of J.J.'s Mobile Sound (disc jockey).

Food will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. with music for dancing from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the main Granite City Fire Station, 2300 Madison Ave., 876-1234; or at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 877-4250.

Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

Child care night for Moose chapter

Women of Moose Chapter 247 recently met for its Child Care Chapter Night. Chairman Karen Burnia was in charge of the program.

Senior Regent Geraldine Speece presided over the rituals and business session. The guides escorted Burnia to her station. Sixteen members were present and one member was re-enrolled in the chapter.

Ruth Ann Beck, a member of the Child Care Committee, and Burnia served refreshments after the meeting. Games were played and prizes were awarded during the social hour.

Young at Heart meeting attracts 74

Seventy-four members attended the August meeting of the Young at Heart Club of Holy Family Parish.

President Irma Manning presided and led The Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Three new members, Irene Kadane, Terry Hanneman and Sophia Kreider, were welcomed.

Previous actions were reported by Billie Schuler, recording secretary, and the financial

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report was given by Marge King.

August birthdays were celebrated by Ruth Rotter and Margaret Kwiatkowski. A salad and dessert potluck dinner, beginning at 6 p.m., will be featured at the group's Sept. 17 meeting. Each member was asked to bring their favorite salad or dessert for the meal.

The anointing Mass and dinner for the sick and elderly of the parish will be held Oct. 27, it was announced. An auction also is planned at the club's October meeting and members are asked to donate a few usable items. The group's Christmas party was set for Dec. 10.

Margaret Kwiatkowski, parish captain, reported nine have signed up for the retreat at King's House on Sept. 25-27. Any female parishioner wishing to attend may contact Kwiatkowski for details.

Tickets still are available for the recognition dinner, honoring priests and nuns who have served in local parishes. Tickets cost \$8 each and may be purchased at the Community Center.

After the business session, attendance prizes were won by: Sylvia Topich, Zita Bequette, Adele and Joe Balcer, Vincenz Zerial, Katherine Obucina, Theresa Luebert, Winifred and Francis Swier, Louise Gwadiac and Winnie Kelly. Door prizes were awarded to Klotine Mosby, Ruth Bridges and Louise Gwadiac.

Cookies, fruit salad, coffee and tea were served and cards were played during the social hour.

Ole' Scouters set reunion for Sept. 15

The Ole' Scouters of the Cahokia Mound Council are planning their 14th annual reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15.

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since the Plaza Bird and Cahokia Mound councils voted on Aug. 7 to consolidate the two councils into one.

This year's reunion will be held at Edwardsville Township Park on Center Grove Road, located southwest of Edwardsville, between Illinois 157 and 159.

The program for the day includes: registration at 9 a.m.; lunch at noon with participants bringing their own sack lunch or driving into town for lunch; and closing at 5 p.m.

Coffee and iced tea will be furnished throughout the day.

Horseshoes and other games will be played. There will be pictures of past reunions and Lewis and Clark Pilgrimages displayed. Those planning to attend are invited to bring any Scouting memorabilia, patches and photos to show.

For more information, call Floyd Jordan Jr. at 831-2897. The new council being formed will have a new name and different districts, Jordan said.

Next year's reunion will be called the Ole' Scouters Reunion of Cahokia Mound District, he said.

Ice cream social at Central Christian

Homemade ice cream and cookies will be served at the annual Ice Cream Social at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, on Saturday, Sept. 8. The ice cream fête will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church, next to Frohardt School. The public is invited to participate.

A large serving of ice cream will cost \$2 and a small serving will be \$1.50. Soft drinks also will be available.

Birth announcement forms are made available to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City and Anderson Hospital in Maryville; and they are available at the Press-Record/Journal office, 1815 Delmar, Granite City.



JANUARY 1950 graduates at Granite City High School celebrated their 40th anniversary reunion at Sunset Hills Country Club. Front row, left to right, Bill Wyatt, John Arbogast, Pete Carich, Harry Stover, Harry Hillman, Bill Dettwiler and Charles Braden. Second row, from left, Corinne Grah, Myra (Tapp) Parrish, Shirley (Weir) Worster, Dawn (Emde) Baker, Maxine (Epstein) Novosel, Arst, Bertha (Meiner) Abel, Mary (Cole) Orr, Arlayne (Howard) Milton, Alice (Unverzagt) Novosel, Janice (Erwin) Bridgeman and Mary Lou (Bloodworth) Hill. Third row, from left, Dale Kleinschmidt, Al Rowden, Bill Gaurer, Doris (Miller) Luckert, Celeste (Abrams) Blason, Betty (Hassler) Paterson, Betty (Perkins) Osburn, Paul Kahle, Ernie Lung and Don Orr.

40th reunion for GCHS grads

The January 1950 graduates of Granite City High School held their 40th reunion at the Sunset Hills Country Club on Aug. 11.

Decorations in the school colors of red and black were used and the centerpieces were vases of red geraniums, white salvia and ivy.

At each place setting were name cards with decorated heart magnets and pictures from the yearbook, used as name tags.

Red folders were given to each class member with a copy of "updates" of members and a replica of the Senior Edition of the Granite High Yearbook.

Following an hour of renewing old friendships and the invocation by the Rev. Dale Kleinschmidt, a class member, a buffet dinner was enjoyed.

John Arbogast, class president, welcomed everyone and recognized the reunion committee, consisting of Myra Parrish,

chairman, and Arbogast, Bertha Abel, Bill Gaurer, Maxine Arst, Arlayne Milton, Dolores Naglich, Alice Novosel and Bill Wyatt.

There was a moment of silence for deceased class members Howard Theis, Alan Winters and Frank Mehele.

Bill Gaurer served as toastmaster and read correspondence from Thelma Baker, a class dean who was unable to attend, but reflected on past school meetings and parties with pleasant memories.

Gaurer also presented prizes to several in attendance throughout the evening. A group picture was taken by Ed Setel.

Graduates and their spouses present from out-of-town included: John Arbogast, Trenton, Ill.; Mary Lou (Bloodworth) Hill, El

Campo, Texas; Charles Braden, Collinsville; Dawn (Emde) Baker, Elmhurst, Ill.; Maxine (Epstein) Arst, Chesterfield, Mo.; Janice (Erwin) Bridgeman, Normal; Corinne Grah, Edwardsville; Paul Kahle, Apoka, Fla.; Dale Kleinschmidt, Woodridge, Ill.; Ernie Lung, Ballwin, Mo.; Doris (Miller) Luckert, Godfrey; Don and Mary (Cole) Orr, DeSoto, Mo.; Al Rowden, Collinsville; and Harry Stover, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

In addition to the committee members, also participating from Granite City were: Pete Carich, Bill Dettwiler, Betty (Hassler) Paterson, Harry Hillman, Shirley (Weir) Worster, Celeste (Abrams) Blason and Betty (Perkins) Osburn.

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DeRuntz heads Council 1098

Gene DeRuntz was installed as grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council 1098 at its installation dinner on Aug. 11.

Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Don Wolford, and Dave Gall of Highland, Knights of Columbus district deputy, was the installing officer.

The event was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road.

Installed with DeRuntz for 1990-91 were:

Roy Ponce, deputy grand knight; John Moran, chancellor;

Ken Portell, warden; Jim Hawkins, treasurer; Steve Kunick, inside guard; Jim Ridenour, outside guard; Wayne Meyers, recorder; and Chuck Schneffe, trustee.

Auxiliary officers also were installed. They include: Catherine Ponce, president; Irene Feeler, vice president; Cleo Schneffe, secretary; Theresa Straubinger, treasurer; Connie Wheeler, guard; Helen DeRuntz, social secretary; and Irene Scheider, Jay Kahn and Gladys Koishor, trustees.

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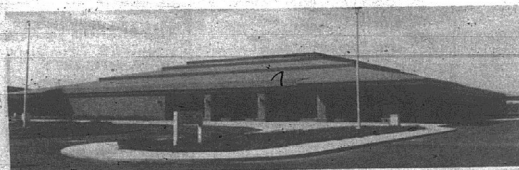
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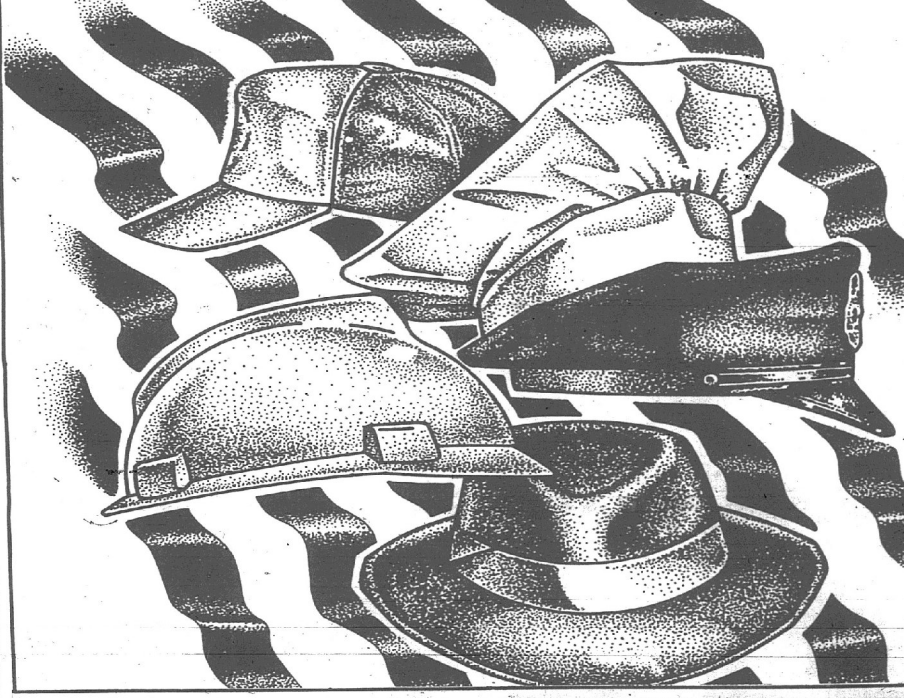
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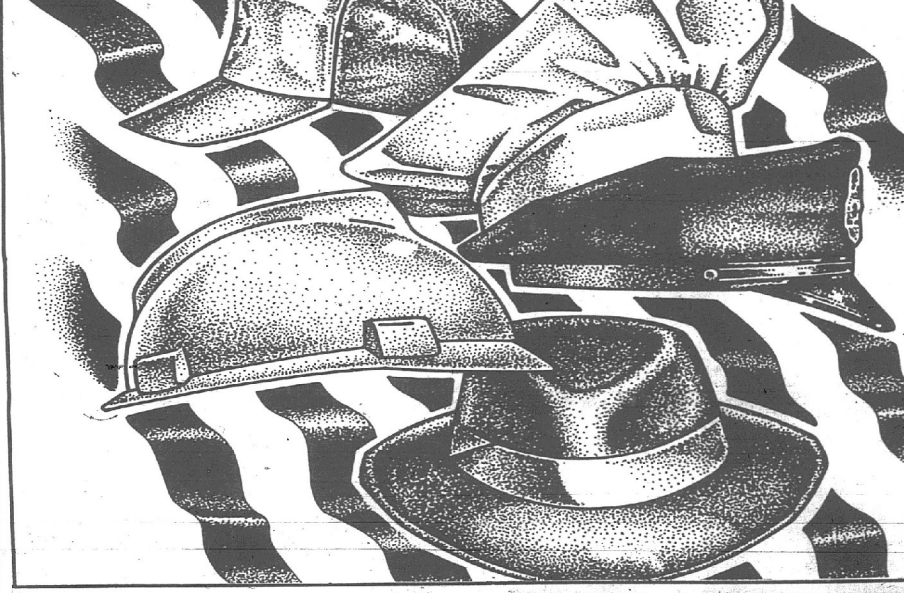
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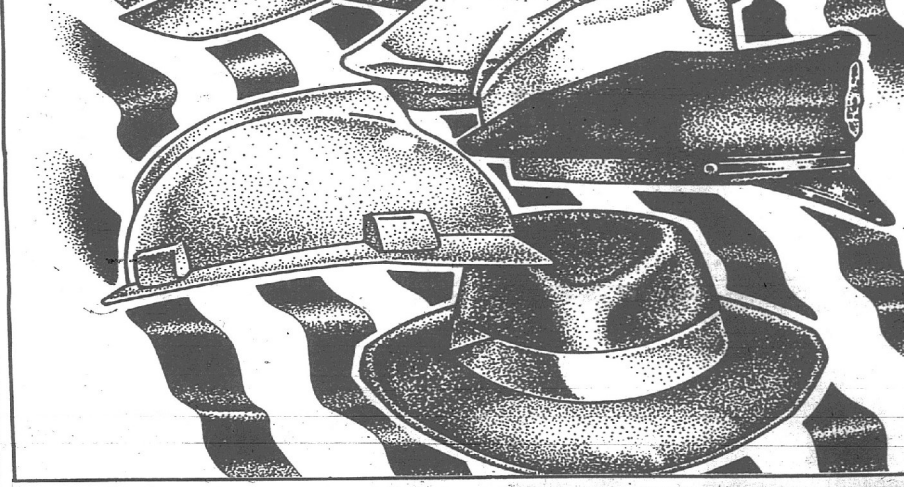
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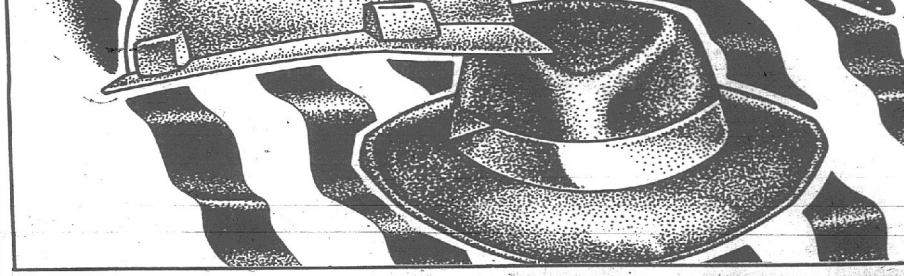
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Eighth birthday marked

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record-Journal. She can be contacted at 931-5256.

Jay Gensert celebrated his eighth birthday Saturday evening with a party at the family home on Blue Spruce Court. Jay is the son of Dave and Mary Ann Gensert.

A cake decorated with a Ninja figure was served.

Among those attending were his sister and brother, Melanie and Edward; his great-uncle, Tony Porreale; his godparents, Dr. and Mrs. Tim Stout and daughters, Gina, Ellen and Amy; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson and son, Nathan; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reader and son, Jon and Philip; and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bigman and son, Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene (Doris) Ross have returned from Hannibal, Mo., where they spent several days sight-seeing and touring the city.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paisley Lyle of Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buscior of Springfield; and Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Elliott of Lovington, Ill. The visitors also enjoyed seeing the Molly Brown Show.

Chris Stevens celebrated his 11th birthday on Saturday at the home of his grandparents, Mr.

Near death studies group sets meeting

The Friends of IANDS (International Association of Near Death Studies) will meet on Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Collinsville Library basement.

The public is invited to attend. There is no fee.

For more information, write P.O. Box 541, Collinsville, Ill. 62234. Please include a phone number.

Birth

Aaron Tyler Finley

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Charles Sterling (Kathi) Finley Sr., who are stationed at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are announcing the birth of their fourth son, born Sunday, July 22, 1990, at 12:05 a.m. at the base hospital.

The infant has been named Aaron Tyler. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 1/4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe of Okeechobee, Fla.

Paternal grandmother is Cassie Finley of Granite City.

Aaron joins three brothers, Chuck Jr., 14; Shawn, 12; and Michael, 10.

The family has resided at Guantanamo Bay since August 1984. The father is a 1974 graduate of Granite City High School and joined the Navy in 1975.



Maxine Green

and Mrs. Howard (Doris) Lathrop of Pine Street.

A barbecue supper with homemade ice cream was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. David (Stephanie) Lathrop and Ryan and Elizabeth, Berta Thompson, Dianna King, Mr. and Mrs. Al (Patty) Stevens and Adam, all of Granite City; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Cindy) Borgens and son, Matt, of St. Peters, Mo.

The annual Green family reunion was held in August in Dexter, Mich. There were 30 present, including four guests.

Those attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Kathy) Green, Mrs. Maxine Green, Mrs. Helen Galloway of Collinsville, Nancy Burke of Olney and Wanda Dawson of Alton. Next year's reunion will be held in August at Nauvoo, Ill., near Keokuk and Fort Madison, Iowa.

The Nameoki Class of First Baptist Church held its monthly meeting recently at Jerry's Restaurant.

Lunch was enjoyed by members Lena Scarborough, Vivian Mitchell, Carrie Hoffman, Freda Jordan, Leora Rogers and class teacher Ellen Douglas.

Three visitors, Gert Leary, Elinor Stagner and Alice Dumaulin, were also welcomed. A donation was given to the Carmi Children's Home and other business matters were discussed.

Leadership award recipients named

John Carlson and Mark Chapman, both of Granite City, have been awarded the national I Dare You Leadership Award in recognition of their personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership.

Andy Yurko, a Granite City High School teacher and program sponsor, said the I Dare You Leadership Award is made available each year by the American Youth Foundation in cooperation with principals, headmasters and 4-H county agents across the country.

The award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth, founder of the Haleson Purina Co. in St. Louis, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service.

The award takes its name from the book, "I Dare You," written by Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social, and spiritual development as the backbone of leadership.

In addition to a certificate of recognition, Carlson and Chapman received a copy of Danforth's book, and a scholarship to attend the American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Conference at Camp Minnawana in Mich.

More than 8,000 schools and 4-H programs participate in the I Dare You Leadership Award program each year.

In 1924, Danforth helped establish the American Youth Foundation, a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization, committed to the service of youth through summer camps and leadership conferences.

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Obituaries

Luckert

Alice (Deacon) Luckert, 94, of Granite City, died at 4 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, 1990, at Edwardsville Care Center West. She had been ill for several years.

Mrs. Luckert was born Feb. 1, 1896, in Venice, and had been a lifetime resident of the area. She had been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Ralph Luckert of St. Louis, Marvin Luckert of Belleville, and Robert Luckert of Bowling Green, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Viola Hodge of Granite City; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Proceeding her in death was her husband, Clarence Luckert.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City, with the Rev. William Leckrone officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road.

Alice Vines

Vines

Alice Louise Vines, 78, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Mitchell and Granite City, died at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 30, 1990, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis.

Mrs. Vines was born March 21, 1912, in Jackson. She was a homemaker and was of the Protestant faith. She had lived in the local area for 16 years.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond John Vines, whom she married on March 20, 1934; one daughter, Stella Delores Kirkover of Mitchell; two sons, David M. Vines Jr. of Granite City and Gerald E. Young of St. Louis; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Dud, Bob and Junior Vines.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 3 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuttis Funeral Home, 2906 Gravois, St. Louis, where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, 1800 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis.

Kubelka

Mary D. (Harlow) Kubelka, 66, of Granite City, died at 10:28 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She had been in ill health for the past three years.

She was born Jan. 9, 1924, and was a lifetime resident of Granite City. In October 1978, she retired from the Federal Government Records Center in St. Louis. Mrs. Kubelka had been a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, the American Legion, VFW Post 1300, the Church Elders Society, and a former Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, whom she married Feb. 14, 1942; two daughters, Paulina Stark of Glen Carbon, and Victoria Piet of Granite City; one sister, Evelyn McCollegan of Granite City; one brother, Patrick Harlow of Florida; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road. Friends may call 931-8000 for further information.

Billick

Rose D. "Cadillac Rose" Billick, 74, of Granite City died at 7:57 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for several years and in the hospital for one month.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1915, in Glen Carbon and was of the Catholic faith.

Mrs. Billick is survived by a son, Arthur George Billick of Granite City; one sister, Loretta Hager of St. Louis; and two grandsons. Her husband, John S. Billick, died in 1961.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mercer Mortuary, 1415 Niedringhaus Ave., where funeral services will take place tonight (Sunday) at 8 p.m. The Rev. Cagney Kierulff officiating. A graveside service will be held at noon Tuesday at Calvary Cemetery near Edwardsville.

Johnson

Lucinda Johnson, 40, of Gillespie died at 1:35 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 1990, at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

She was born Sept. 2, 1949, in Granite City.

Surviving are three brothers, James Johnson of Arizona, Roy Johnson of California and Gail Johnson of Illinois; and one sister, Denise Baker of Granite City.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at Kravania Funeral Home in Gillespie, with Pastor Walter Byerly officiating. Burial was at Benid (Ill.) Cemetery.

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Curtis

Georgia R. Curtis, 78, of Madison died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 1990, in the Pleasant Rest Nursing Home, Collinsville. She had been a patient since June 2, 1989.

Mrs. Curtis was born June 5, 1912, in Springfield, Ill.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Earlie Curtis of Madison.

Visitation will be held Monday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Raymond Curtis. Burial will be at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Census

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Each of the following cities and counties is followed by the 1980 population count and the 1990 preliminary population figure, respectively.

ILLINOIS
11,427,429 — 11,325,247

MADISON COUNTY:
247,664 — 246,762

Alton: 35,918 — 32,369
East Alton: 7,088 — 6,979
Edwardsville: 12,480 — 14,306
Granite City: 36,815 — 32,701
Madison: 5,301 — 4,542
Wood River: 12,446 — 11,594
South Roxana: 2,286 — 1,946
Godfrey: 15,241 — 21,903
Bethalto: 8,630 — 9,450
Crest Hill: 27,158 — 29,488
Glen Carbon: 5,391 — 7,471
Alhambra: 643 — 709
Grantfork: 208 — 273
Hamel: 537 — 525
Hartford: 1,887 — 1,662
Highland: 7,122 — 7,498
Livingston: 949 — 899
Marion: 57 — 48
Maryville: 1,949 — 2,525
New Douglas: 389 — 386
Pontoon Beach: 3,336 — 3,945
Troy: 3,772 — 6,096
Venice: 3,580 — 3,450
Williamson: 3,019 — 1,111

ST. CLAIR COUNTY:
287,531 — 261,094

Alorton: 2,227 — 2,886
Belleville: 41,520 — 42,107
Brooklyn: 1,223 — 1,136
Cahokia: 18,904 — 17,265
Caseville: 4,308 — 4,253
Centerville: 5,747 — 5,327
Dupont: 1,029 — 3,013
East Carondelet: 628 — 361
East St. Louis: 55,200 — 40,253
Fairview Hgts.: 13,862 — 14,768
Fayetteville: 1,385 — 379
Freeburg: 2,989 — 3,101
Lebanon: 3,245 — 3,651
Lenzburg: 435 — 485
Marissa: 2,568 — 390
Mascoutah: 4,962 — 5,478
Millstadt: 2,763 — 2,495
National City: 70 — 57
New Athens: 1,937 — 2,008
O'Fallon: 12,173 — 15,298
St. Libory: 549 — 300
Shiloh: 1,045 — 2,500
Shrewsbury: 1,447 — 1,571
Summerfield: 148 — 456
Swansea: 5,529 — 7,378
Washington Park: 8,223 — 7,330

MACOUPIN:
49,384 — 47,560

Carlinville: 5,439 — 5,406

MONROE COUNTY:
20,117 — 22,365

Columbia: 4,269 — 5,511
Waterloo: 1,448 — 5,058
Maymester: 898 — 843
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Briggs explains school 'heat days'

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry A. Briggs Jr. is issuing a plea for parents and students to show patience and cooperation concerning abbreviated school days. He has been open because of the excessive heat lately.

Briggs said his office has received many calls inquiring about what state law has to say concerning early school dismissal.

He issued a statement containing an opinion written several years ago by a lawyer for the State Board of Education. Chief Legal Advisor Sterling Ryder recommended that local school districts should cancel whole days rather than abbreviating school days.

By dismissing classes in the early afternoon rather than the late afternoon, school officials have kept students from remaining in hot classrooms during the worst heat of the day.

Ryder said that officials could eliminate entire school days if the weather is so hot that the scheduled emergency days to reschedule canceled days. These days are usually reserved to make up for "snow days," when wintertime snow and ice prevent classes from being held.

Ryder pointed out that local superintendents must certify to state authorities their reasons for closing schools, and each superintendent's decision would be examined on a case-by-case basis.

Ryder also noted that state law allows schools to extend their calendars as necessary to provide for the minimum number of school days each year.

He said that the calendar amendment option would always be considered by school districts that begin school in August, since August is usually the hottest time of the year.

Ryder concluded by noting, "The health and safety of pupils must be local superintendents' foremost consideration on this issue."

"The use of emergency days and amendment of the school calendar should be considered preferable options to the shortened school day."

In the event the local school district superintendent exercised discretion to close schools early because of the excessive heat conditions prevailing in the district, the reasons should be clearly set forth and substantiated in writing as required by the statute.

Briggs noted that most districts use early dismissal schedules to solve the problem, but these are legal only if they allow for at least five closed hours of instructional time each day, if the district counts such a five-hour day as a full day of school.

Briggs concluded by hoping, "The weather will soon change for the better."

Henkhaus says no to debate with Shimkus

By John Mialazzo

Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Democratic Madison County Treasurer Michael "Mick" Henkhaus said Thursday he would not engage in a series of debates with his Republican opponent in the Nov. 6 general election.

"I don't know why I would want to debate this man. I'm not a legislator with the power to make or change laws. I'm a county treasurer," Henkhaus said.

He was responding to a call earlier in the day by the Republican treasurer candidate, Shimkus, to a series of debates to clear up what he termed "confusing" comments attributed to Henkhaus in recent months.

Among those comments was one made by Henkhaus that over the last 11 years he has saved county taxpayers nearly \$1 million in payroll costs for his office.

Shimkus questioned that, saying, "In reality, annual salaries in the county have increased from a low of \$33,535 in 1978 to a high of \$48,990 in 1988."

Henkhaus responded that he has eliminated 11 jobs in the office since 1978.

Based on "pay increases totaling 60 percent negotiated for my people by the union over that period, we would be looking at a cost of about \$1 million," Henkhaus said.

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Band tackles odds and ends

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 331-0731.

Entertainment by the "Odds and Ends" band of Edwardsville highlighted a meeting of the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Club on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The event was held at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizen's Hall at 3910 Illinois 111.

Several guests from Collinsville, Edwardsville and Troy visited with the local seniors to hear the music of the "Odds and Ends."

Members also made plans for a barbecue and bake sale at the senior center on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Barbecue pork steaks and bratwurst plates and sandwiches will be featured. Carryout orders will be available or patrons may eat at the center, it was



Lucille Martin

announced.

Attendance prizes at the meeting were won by Mary Hassebrook, Irene Karlechik and Lloyd Morelan.

Members present included: Bob and Genny Alford, Chalice Grigsby, Corrine Kreher, Otto Kreher, Paye Rody, Al and Fran Cape, Ed and Glodene Van Scoyk, Bertha Hall, Bill and Ruth Dagon, Misty Morris, Leona McCoy, Dora Seem, Irene McCaslin, Thelma Falls, George and Gladys Bass, Lee and Betty Ridgeway, Mary Hassebrook, Helen Niepert, Marcon Heedbet and Irene Karlechik.

Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued in St. Clair County: Tommy Manuel Gaudreault of Granite City and Charlene Marie Muscalso of Dupu.

Ronald De Lee of Granite City and Bridget Renae Linkey of Sumnerfield, Ill. Jeffrey Mallory and Valerie Gail Govey, both of Madison.

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Eta Chapter begins new sorority year

Eta Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority held its monthly social meeting Aug. 22 at Sunset Hills Country Club.

The event marked the beginning of the new sorority year and was celebrated with a noon luncheon, served to 16 members and four guests.

Betty Krug, Mary Lou Richeson, Martha Ruth Thomas and Kathryn Weddell were in charge of arrangements.

Special guests included Kelly Bernaix, Norma McKay, Dorothy LaRose and Sister Barbara McMullen.

After lunch, games were played with Bernaix, Shirley Morgan, Mary Hassler and LaRose taking top honors. Special prizes were awarded to Debbie Geggus, LaRose and Georgiana VanBaskirk.

Others attending were Dorothy Costello, Jane Haug, Kathy Keck, Hilda Schroeder, Dolores Sheridan, Ann Tatum and Mary Evelyn Yenko.

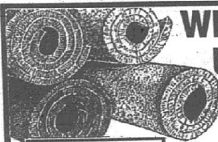
Thomas, president, announced the chapter next business meeting will be held at her home on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.



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available.

Membership renewals are being accepted until the end of September.

New members are being accepted throughout the year. Further information can be obtained by calling the senior office at 877-1215.

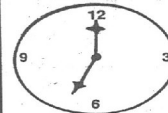
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Sports

Section B

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GRANITE CITY HOME JOURNAL

Wyrostek era starts well; Trojans lose

Fired-up Warriors trip Cahokia, 21-7

By Dave Whaley
Executive sports editor

GRANITE CITY — The Cahokia Comanches had to know they were running into a potential buzzsaw Friday. And the fired-up Warriors obliged by cutting the visitors in half.

Granite City came out charged up under new coach Tom Wyrostek and handled the Comanches 21-7 at Memorial Stadium in the season opener for both teams. The Warriors scored on two of their first three possessions and hung on for their first win over the Comanches since 1987. It was the most points a Granite City team has scored since a 28-22 win over Quincy in the 1986 state playoffs.

"I've been thinking about this game ever since I got the job," said Wyrostek, who made his return to the coaching ranks a successful one. "I was anxious to see how we would do in a game after practicing against each other for three weeks."

He was pleased with what he saw. The offense moved the ball fairly well all night and the defense kept the quick Comanches from breaking too many big plays.

GRANITE CITY 21, Cahokia 7
Scoring:
QC - Vaughn 58 run (Nordstrom kick) 7:04 1st
QC - Curry 16 pass from Thomas (Nordstrom kick) 11:32 2nd
Cah - Hickman 54 run (Ennis kick) 8:04 3rd
QC - Taylor 6 run (Nordstrom kick) 2:05 3rd
First downs: Cah 8, QC 5
Total yards: Cah 218, QC 188
Rushes/yards: Cah 30/181, QC 37/161
Passing: Cah 15/31, 27 yards; QC 2-3-0, 28 yards
Turnovers: Cah 1, QC 0
Penalties: Cah 8/50, QC 3/20

"We couldn't shut down anything they ran," said Cahokia coach Rob Eden. "We outplayed them in a couple of stretches, but they got a big interception and then our inability to score at the end of the half was a big part of the game." Trailing 14-0, the Comanches took the ball at their own 47 with two minutes to go in the half. Quarterback Hurlie Cozart (6 for 11, 37 yards) hit Mike Mattox on a couple of passes and Donald



MIKE VAUGHN of the Warriors breaks away from Cahokia's Mario Lockett for a 59-yard touchdown run to open the scoring in the first quarter Friday at Memorial Stadium.

Whitney's 19-yard reverse put the ball at the Warrior 6 with 15 seconds left in the half. But Cozart underthrew Mario Lockett on one pass, then Lockett was tackled after a five-yard pass. The Comanches were out of timeouts and the clock expired with the ball at the one-yard line.

"I just wish we had another timeout," said Eden. "Other than that, I wouldn't have done anything differently there." "That was real big at halftime," said Wyrostek. "It's just hard to keep Cahokia from scoring. They

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Waterloo's big line handles Madison

By Mike Blackshere
Correspondent

WATERLOO — The Waterloo Bulldogs used their big, experienced offensive line to dominate the Trojans 34-12 in the season opener Friday. Senior running back Aaron Metzger took advantage of the huge holes his line opened for him, rushing for 174 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries. If anything, the final score was not indicative of Waterloo's dominance as it jumped out to a 20-0 lead just a minute and a half into the second quarter.

Bulldog coach Sid Allen was understandably pleased with his team's performance. "Our offensive line is experienced and big," he said. "Coming in we thought we could control the game at the line, and it happened."

With inexperienced sophomore Jason Davis at quarterback, Waterloo wanted to keep the ball on the ground. Davis was quickly able to gain a lot of experience as his team was able to sustain several long drives.

"(Davis) can throw the ball," Allen said. "But he's young. We didn't care to throw the ball until he got a little experience under his belt."

The Bulldogs established the tempo of the game early. They were able to drive for a touchdown on their first possession of the game as Metzger rushed for 27 yards on two carries, one of which was a 17-yard touchdown run. Senior Keith Singleton converted the extra point and the score was 7-0 just 4:19 into the game.

Madison quickly turned the ball back over to Waterloo on downs and the Bulldogs took possession at the Trojan 43. On the seventh play of that drive, Metzger scampered the last three yards into the end zone to put six more points on the board with 1:30 left in the first quarter. Singleton's kick was good again and the Bulldogs led 14-0.

Singleton's booming kickoff went for a touchback, so Madison had to start their next possession at their own 20. The Trojans were unable to move the ball and had to punt from their own 15. After a poor punt and a personal foul against Madison, the Bulldogs regained possession at the Madison 25.

Four plays later, Waterloo was back in the end zone as junior Ron Reagan had the honor from one

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REGIONAL WINNERS: Jason Stroud (left) and Doug Buehrer of Bowland took first place in the open doubles division at the 12th annual Scholarship Tournament regional tournament in Omaha, Neb., this summer. John Cozart took third place in the scratch division. In boys singles, Stroud was 14th and Cozart was 16th. Buehrer was third in All Events. There were 358 teams in the tournament, including 68 from the immediate area.



PONYTAIL ATOM CHAMPS: The Little Devils won the Granite City Park District Ponytail Atom Division with an 11-1 regular-season record and also won the league playoffs. Team members included, front row left to right, Christina Rother, Courtney Hill, Megan Francis, Ashley Burdge, Kasey Baum, Julie Mills and Kera Olson; back row, Kristin Stovall, Brittany Ashford, Kristin Setser, Maya Bec-ton, coach Tim Lyerla, Katie Thornton, Elizabeth Dittman and Megan Lyoria. Not pictured are Jessica Worthen and assistant coach Pat Olson.

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TUESDAY BUMP N BOWL: Award winners included, right row left to right, Heather Holland, Ryan Scott, Rebekah Schoeber, Mark Coad, Jared Warren, Leighann Moore, C.J. Stebanoff, Katie Hoffman, Sheldon Murphy, Josh Dubois, Candice Ivie, Jessica Ivie and Travis Clark; back row, Kristi Sarich, Michelle Coad, Michael Wolfe, Jennifer Warren, Josh Warren, Thomas Buckingham, Bobby Niemeyer, Anthony Schoeber, Geoffrey Lux, Michael Lux and Matthew Mode. Not pictured are Ian Warren, Brandon Rollins and Daniel Bixler.



WEDNESDAY HAVE A BALL: Award winners included, front row left to right, Lindsay Moore, Timmy Frost, Tiffany Sanders, Misty Clark, Maria Rody, Dana Timmons and Tom Partl Jr.; second row, Kara Barton, Jennifer McCormick, James Greer III, Kristie Kohn and Jimmy Stevens; third row, Vince Whittenburg, David Moore, John Halwachs, Jondalyn Cozlar, Crystal Timmons, Kevin Clark and Ryan Anderson; back row, Stacie Brewer and Dena Mayes. Not pictured are Tom Partl, Amanda Timmons, Crystal Timmons, Billy Picker III, Patrick Copeland, Justin Somers, Jaime Somers, Alaina Forsy, Ronnie Rinehart, Sara Rinehart, Josh McCunney, Denny Wells, Camille Sanders, Dennis Beasley and Patrick Singleton.



TUESDAY NIGHT YOUTH ADULT: Award winners included, front row left to right, Lindsay Moore, Davey Moore, Katherine Gregory and David Cook; back row, Helen Mueller, Paul Roan, Bill Cook, Betty Skinner, Dave Moore, Sue Johnson and Terry Johnson. Not pictured are Delilah Favier and Robert Favier.

Bowland announces winners in several events

Bowland has announced its winners in the Gateway Classic Junior Tournament held at Sunset Lanes on Aug. 17-18. Michael Noble took seventh in the Majors Division with high games of 212 and 219, and a 167 average. Keith Hendricks took first in the Classics Division with high series of 625 and 630, high games of 202, 203, 205, 210, 213 and 214, and a 207 average. Chris Hildreth was third in the Classics Division with a high series of 627, high games of 201, 204, 214, 216, 221, and a 191 average. John Cozlar won the Masters Division with a high series of 693, high games of 201, 204, 213, 219, 224, 234 and 235, and a 213 average. Derek Strong was fourth with a high series of 717, high games of 300, 200, 202, 204, 217 and 22, and a 216 average. Jason Wonders was fifth with a high series of 678, high games of 202, 212, 235 and 243, and a 207 average (Wonders was sixth with a high series of 657, high games of 206, 215, 233, 234 and 235, and a 207 average).

Bowland also had winners in the Bowl Haven 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament. Mike Noble had a high series of 886 and a 300 game. Jerry Owens had high game with two 300 games, and Derek Strong bowled a 290.

Winners have also been announced in Bowland summer leagues: Tuesday Night Youth Adult Team winners: Kings and Queens (Sue and Terri Johnson, Bill and David Cook). High average: Sue Johnson, women; Terri Johnson, youth/female; Bill Cook, men; Paul Roan, youth/male. High series: David Moore, men; David Moore, youth/male; Betty Skinner, women; Katherine Gregory, youth/female; women; Lindsay Moore, youth/female; Robert Favier, men; David Cook, youth/male. Most Improved: Delilah Favier, women.

Wednesday Have A Ball Team winners: Hit and Run (Tom Partl Jr., Timmy Frost, John Halwachs and Denny Wells), 2nd place: Lucky Strikers (Kimberly Greer, James Greer, Stacey Brewer and Jaime Somers). High average: Tom Partl Jr., 142; Crystal Timmons, 141. High series: David Moore, 460; Tom Partl Jr., 418. High game: Timmy Frost, 189; Misty Clark, 169. Most Improved: Ryan Anderson and Maria Rody. Tuesday Bump N Bowl Team winners: Ninja Turles (Michael Wolfe, Ian Warren, Jennifer Warren, Jared Warren and Joshua Warren). High average: Sheldon Murphy, 96; Kristi Sarich, 82. High series: Brandon Rollins, 218; Katie Hoffman, 181. High game: Matthew Mode, 111; Heather Holland, 96. Most Improved: Jared Warren and Leighann Moore.

Park starting football camp on Monday nights

The Granite City Park District will have a football camp on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Wilson Park Diamond 8 beginning Sept. 10. The camp will run through Oct. 22. Basic fundamentals such as passing, kicking and blocking will be taught. The program is for boys in third through sixth grade, with the classes being separated into one for grades 3-4 and one for grades 5-6. There is no registration fee, but waivers must be signed by a parent or guardian. Anyone interested should report to Wilson Park on Sept. 10.

with a parent at 6 p.m. to register, with the first practice scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Some of the instructors will include Don Harris, Tim and Jamie Hogan, Tom Schooley, Dave Dombek, and Tim and Joe Wallace. For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

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•Madison

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yard-out. The extra point failed, but Waterloo was ahead 20-0 just 1:28 into the second quarter.

Madison's inexperience was apparent as they often scrambled to get the right combinations on the field. Both offensively and defensively, the Trojans were not ready at the snap of the ball a number of times.

"We've got a very young team, we're starting four freshmen and two sophomores. So this is the first varsity game for several of our players," said Madison coach Don Smith. "Their (Waterloo) size alone is a big problem, but with their size and experience, they were just too much for us. Hopefully, the young guys learned something from this and don't get discouraged."

•Warriors

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have a good team with good backs. We had a lot of guys playing both ways tonight and get a good effort from all of them.

After an exchange of punts to start the game, junior halfback Mike Vaughn (84 yards) took a handoff from Granite City quarterback Bob Thomas and went through the right side of the Comanche line for a 59-yard touchdown run with 7:04 left in the first quarter.

"Mike did it mostly on heart," said Wyrstok. "He didn't have much left. It was a good thing he didn't have to go 60 or 65 yards."

The Warriors then went 55 yards in eight plays on their next drive, with Thomas hitting 6-4, 230-pound junior fullback Larry Curry on a screen pass over the middle for a 14-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter.

"Our defense disappointed me tonight," said Ed. "Our kids were tougher last year. We just weren't prepared tonight and Granite City was. I think Tom wanted to throw the ball a little more, but he didn't have to."

Thomas was 2 for 3 for 28 yards and the touchdown. The Warriors ran for 161 yards, while Cahokia had 181 rushing yards and 37 more through the air. Cahokia was penalized six times for 35 yards,

including four times when the Comanches were drawn offside by Thomas' signal calling.

"That's just a lack of discipline," said Ed. "Don't see a lack of discipline. With Thomas saving a touchdown on Cahokia's drive after Curry's touchdown. Then Thomas made an interception after the Comanches got to the 21. But the Comanches recovered from the missed chance at the end of the half to go 79 yards in seven plays on the first drive of the second half, with Maurice Hickman (9 carries, 62 yards) going 34 yards with 8:04 left in the third quarter for the score."

But the Comanches kicked the ball out of bounds on the kickoff and junior Billy Van Buskirk followed with an 18-yard return to set the Warriors up at the 48. Granite City then went 52 yards in nine plays, with junior Damon Yates — the son of the former coach — going six yards for the score with 2:02 left in the third quarter.

The Comanches got the ball twice more, but the Warrior defense contained them. A big play came when Mattox got behind everybody, but Whitney's option pass was too far midway in the fourth quarter.

NOTES: The Warriors host Quincy this Friday at 7:30. Highland defeated the Blue Devils — 0-0 last year — 29-0 on Friday.

Golfers improve to 5-1 with home wins

By Brian Henry
Contributor

GRANITE CITY — The Warrior golf team improved to 5-1 with wins over Wood River and Roxana on Thursday at Arlington.

Granite City shot a 161, 21 strokes ahead of Wood River (182). Roxana shot a 191. Senior Chris Shurtliff paced the Warriors with a 38, while Gabe Mitchell and Allen Ledbetter both shot 40 and Ryan Mueller rounded out the quartet with a 43.

On Wednesday, Granite City split a tri-meet with Edwardsville and Red Bud. The Tigers won with a 155 as John Droste

took medal honors with a 37. The Warriors shot a 165 and Red Bud shot 172. Bill McCormick led Granite City with a 40, Ledbetter shot 41, and Mueller and Joe

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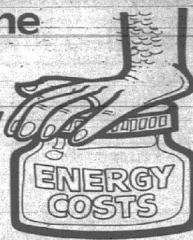
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Sometimes children must make up parents' minds

By John Milazzo
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — The University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service is attempting to fill a growing need for information and advice for families who provide home care for elderly relatives.

The extension service, in conjunction with several hospitals in Madison County, is sponsoring a series of workshops aimed primarily at middle-age women.

Extension service adviser Jan Burnett said the statistics show that women today can expect to spend as much time caring for elderly parents as they did taking care of their teen-age children.

"With 12 percent of the state's population over the age of 65, studies show that an ever increasing number of their children are now caring for them."

And, Burnett said, because of the dual impact of changes in aging patterns with medical care now extending life expectancies — and a growing overall population, experts predict that by the year 2025, 18 percent of the state's population will be over the age of 65.

"Relating those figures to the rising costs involved in extended health care shows that, more and more, families are going to find it necessary to go this way. More parents will find themselves relying on their children," Burnett said.

And, she said, statistical profiles show the average care givers are 45-year-old married women who spend an average of four hours per day caring for an elderly relative, usually a parent.

But not all care givers or potential care givers fit that profile, Burnett said.

"At a recent workshop sponsored at Anderson Hospital in

Maryville we had an older couple who went through the two-day sessions because they said they believed, sooner or later, one of them would be required to look after the needs of the other. And they said they just wanted to be ready," Burnett said.

Another couple that was considerably younger, probably in their early 30s, are faced with a situation where the husband's mother has died and the father has come to live with them.

The father can do very little for himself and the couple, who are both going to STUE and working, also have two children, ages 2 and 10, to further complicate the situation.

"Just listening to them you can hear the stress in their voices. The whole purpose to the classes is to make life more livable for everyone involved in these kinds of situations," Burnett said.

A second series of the workshops is planned at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland Sept. 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

The \$20 cost of the workshop series covering topics such as changes of age, communications skills, body mechanics, equipment and supplies and clothing available for the elderly includes lunch and a reference manual to be used in the home, Burnett said.

Burnett said the decision to organize the workshops was partly based on comments and recommendations made by the Rev. Lloyd Shaw, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Collinsville and a member of the extension service advisory committee.

Shaw, a pastor for 35 years, said that much of his pastoral ministry involves counseling and that over recent years he has increasingly met with family

members attempting to deal with stress generated from providing home care for elderly loved ones.

"Many times they simply cannot afford professional or institutional care and are faced with no other choice but to take it on themselves."

"It occurred to us that (the series) would offer some very practical solutions for a lot of families," Shaw said.

The stress factor, he noted, is not related in great part to the actual physical care required.

"If often comes down to how to deal with these new emotional relationships — when the tables are turned and the parent is now the one being looked after and nurtured."

The classes are geared to help manage stress and provide advice in situations, for example, when a parent may be entering early stages of senility or Alzheimer's disease.

In those instances, it is sometimes necessary for a child "to remove the parent's decision-making roles and options, possibly by having to take the parent's drivers license away."

Another aspect of aging that is becoming increasingly troublesome for children is the ability of modern medicine to artificially keep elderly people alive.

Questions, problems and guilt feelings regarding such circumstances increasingly come up in counseling, Shaw said.

"Sooner or later it's a problem that most households are going to be confronted with," Shaw said.

People are living longer and social service providers are attempting to bolster the quality of life in those situations, he added.

"The extension service may be moving further into this area as the need is seen," Shaw said.

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Shawn C. Dostie of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army. According to his recruiter, Staff

Sgt. Wayne Gully of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, 3675 Nameoki Road, Dostie has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice—a record telecommunications center operator.

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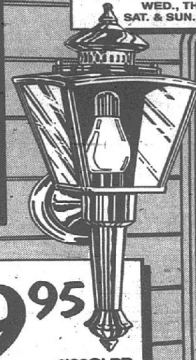
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Gephardt goes to Middle East to try to assess U.S. military policy

By Tracy Corrington
States News Service

ANDREWS AIRFORCE BASE, Aug. 31—U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-St. Louis, traveled to the Middle East this weekend on a trip which he says will allow him to assess U.S. military policy in the area and show his support for U.S. troops entrenched in the Saudi Arabian desert.

The Majority Leader was whisked off Friday morning on a 707 with 21 House members for a whirlwind four-day tour of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain.

"We will be meeting with our servicemen and servicewomen...to tell them of our strong support for their efforts to protect against further Iraqi aggression," said Gephardt, who supports President Bush's decision to send U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

"We will (also) review the disposition of our forces with U.S. military commanders...and gain a better appreciation of the commitment of military forces from other countries and burden-sharing by allies," Gephardt said.

Given the tense situation in the Persian Gulf region, no exact itinerary was given for the delegation, nor have any meetings with Arab leaders been set up, said a Gephardt spokeswoman. But Gephardt, confident that such meetings would take place,

said he will urge Arab leaders to maintain their military presence in the region.

"In our discussions with Arab leaders, we will examine the commitment of Arab forces to the defense of Saudi Arabia (and) the prospect that more Arab troops will be dispatched," he said. "The President has been correct in seeking international support. This is the world against (Iraqi president Saddam) Hussein."

The delegation will also talk to Arab leaders about the possibility of a negotiated withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and the release of U.S. hostages, Gephardt said.

A spokeswoman for the congressman in St. Louis said his office has been keeping tabs on at least one St. Louisian held hostage in Kuwait. They have received some information on Edward Johnson, an area businessman, from the State Department, she said.

Firsthand experience of the situation in the Gulf will also, better prepare Congressional leaders for issues that will surely arise when they return to Capitol Hill in September, Gephardt said.

"The members of our delegation will be making decisions over the next several weeks in defense, budget, energy, trade and foreign policy all of which

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Affiliate-switching sents shudder

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In Louisville, longtime CBS mainstay WLKY-TV suddenly broke off its relationship with that network and announced that it was joining forces with ABC, effective almost immediately. That left what one insider, who asked not to be identified, described as a "shotgun marriage" between CBS and erstwhile ABC affiliate WLKY-TV, which now is a CBS affiliate.

It seems clear that ABC, a network that appears to be in ascendancy, was in a position to approach WLKY and cut a deal without, apparently, any suspicion on the part of either CBS or WLKY, which is owned by Pulitzer Broadcasting.

WLKY has for some years had a stranglehold on the Louisville market with its news and local programming. ABC apparently expects much of that loyalty to be switched automatically to ABC's programming. Why WLKY decided to mess around with its already very favorable situation is not clear unless it expects CBS to struggle in the upcoming season and thereafter.

Locally, Channel 2 is the ABC affiliate, but its ratings are well below what ABC gets from many of its affiliates, and its news ratings are particularly poor. To complicate the situation, Channel 2 has announced that, effective at the end of this year, it will no longer air ABC's "Nightline" in its accustomed spot at 11 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Because ABC says it will not clear "Nightline" to be run at midnight, when Channel 2 says it wishes to run the program, that probably means that "Nightline" will not be seen in St. Louis.

All in all, although no one will admit it for the record, the relationship between the station and the network is probably somewhat strained.

Meanwhile KSDK-TV (Channel 5) is the strong market leader, and its fidelity to NBC would



Ian MacBryde

seem to be unshakable. If ABC were targeting a station in St. Louis for a new affiliation, it would almost surely be KMOV-TV (Channel 4).

Asked if Alan Cohen, vice president and general manager at Channel 4, said his station had "renewed" its affiliation agreement (with CBS) a couple of months ago, and both sides are very pleased.

When pressed as to whether or

not there been contact between Channel 4 and ABC, Cohen said, "I believe my statement stands for itself."

Wayne Thomas, vice president and general manager at Channel 2, recently said there have been "absolutely no indications" of any change in his station's affiliation.

Affiliation can mean increased revenue and a larger audience for a station, although it can be a little confusing to viewers who have to search around the dial for programs that have been switched from one station to another.

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